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LETTER DATED 28 SEPTEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement by the spokesman for the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea dated 27 September 1994 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) PAK Gil Yon
Ambassador and
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement made on 27 September 1994 by the spokesman for Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The spokesman for the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) published the following statement on 27 September:

"The moves of the conservative forces within the United States military are assuming ill-boding dimensions over the current DPRK-US talks at Geneva.

"Now flotillas of the US aircraft carriers Kitty Hawk and Independence are sailing in the waters around the Korean peninsula, presenting military threats to the DPRK. This is something unprecedented.

"Timing it to coincide with this, the US Defense Secretary, William Perry, openly declared that in case the negotiations for a solution to the nuclear issue ended in an impasse, the US would threaten North Korea with the use of military force.

"We cannot but pay due attention to these reckless and provocative words and deeds of the high-placed US military quarters.

"Lurking behind this is obviously the dangerous scheme intentionally to break up the DPRK-US talks and, upon this pretext, to crush our Republic with the force of arms.

"It is a habitual method of bellicose elements to offer a handshake with a dagger hidden under their coats.

"Their diplomacy is also based on the violent doctrine that it is an extension of strength.

"This is proved by the talks between the DPRK and the United States hitherto.

"Behind the curtain of talks, the United States has all along watched for a chance to swallow up the DPRK, extensively reinforcing its aggression forces in South Korea.

"Moreover, it is a very dangerous act that the US military authorities are now presenting blatant military threats to the DPRK with the largest ever aircraft carrier flotillas deployed in the surroundings of Korea.

"This means that the United States has openly declared a showdown of strength, throwing off the veil of 'a negotiated solution to the nuclear issue'.

"Now that the United States is seeking a military showdown, we cannot stick to talks indefinitely.

"Our People's Army pins no hope on any dialogue accompanied by pressure.

"Our People's Army, with its mission of defending the sovereignty of the country, will never allow any attempt to have our military sites opened through 'special inspections'.

"We do not recognize such dialogue itself.

"The mission of our People's Army is to defend the socialist motherland not by words, but with rifles.

"The conservative forces in the US military must not forget the disgraceful lesson of the 1950s.

"If they rashly unleash another war on the Korean peninsula, they will pay dearly for it with blood.

"We will sharply watch every move of the bellicose elements in the US military."